

Figure 1

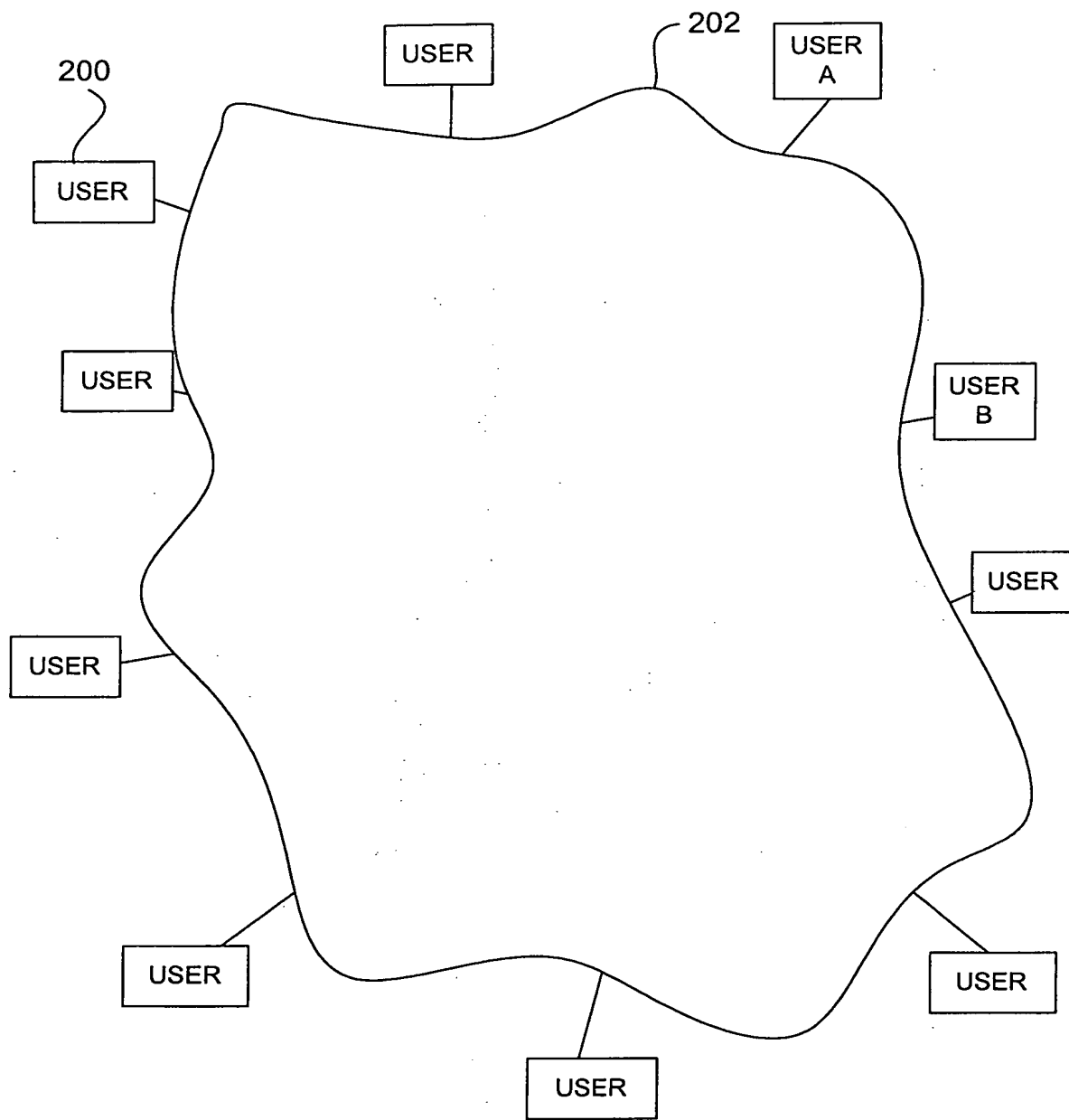


Fig. 2

The diagram illustrates a network topology. A central hub is connected to multiple users. The users are labeled as follows:

- USER A
- USER B
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- USER

The connections are labeled with reference numerals:

- 200: A line connecting a user to the central hub.
- 202: A line connecting a user to the central hub.
- 210: A line connecting a user to the central hub.
- 220: A line connecting a user to the central hub.

Fig. 3

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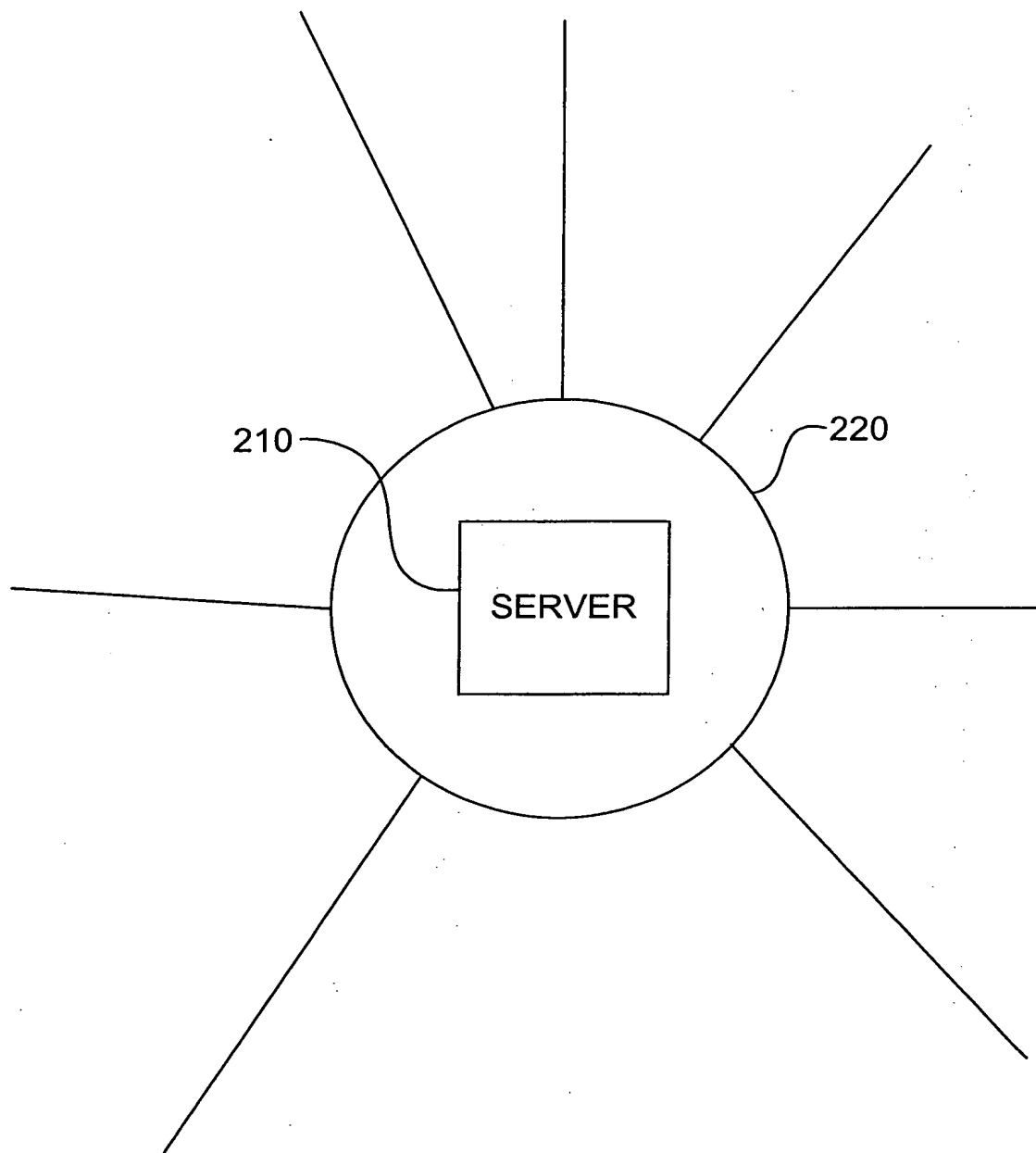


Fig. 4

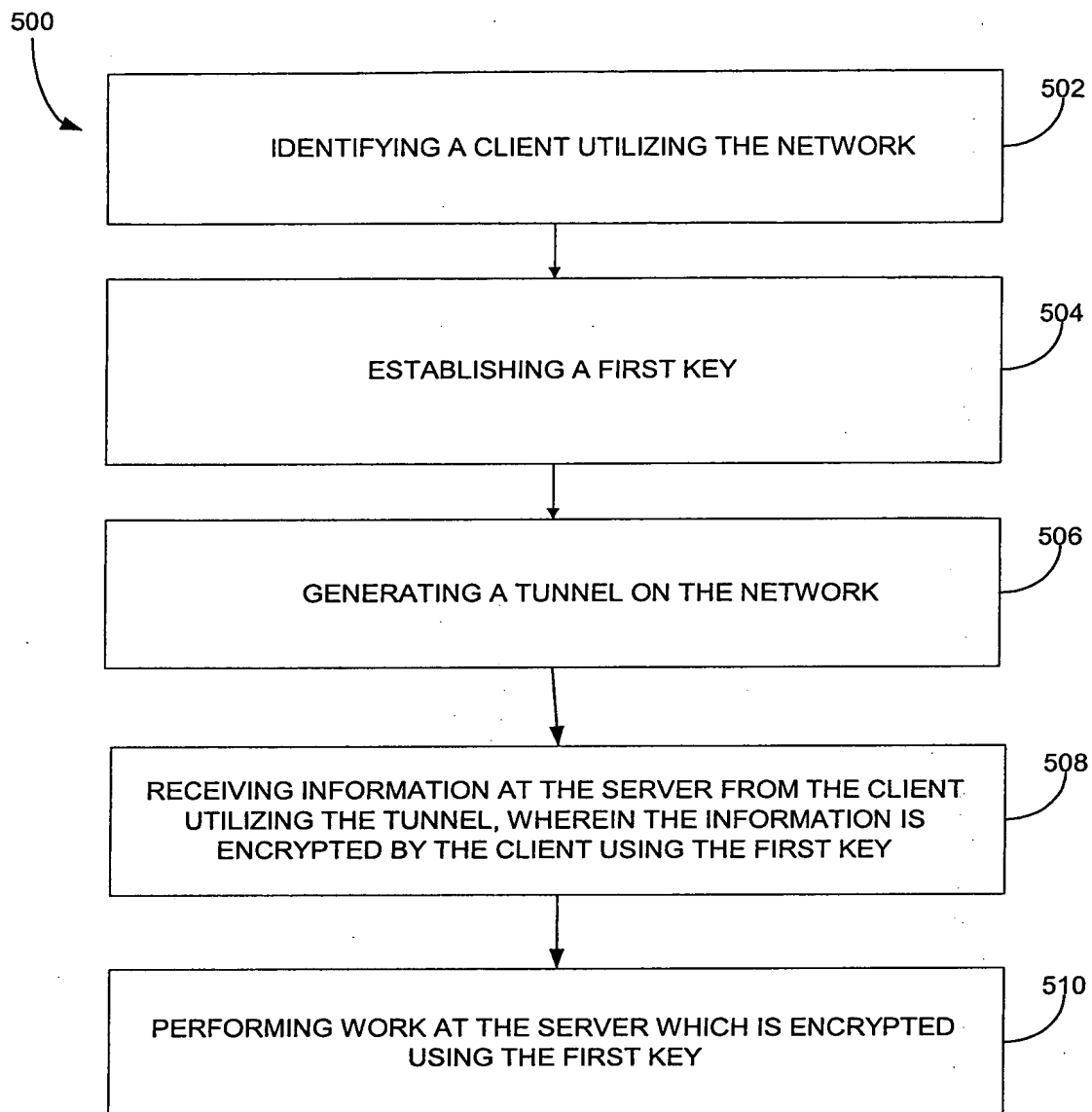


FIG. 5

Client

Server

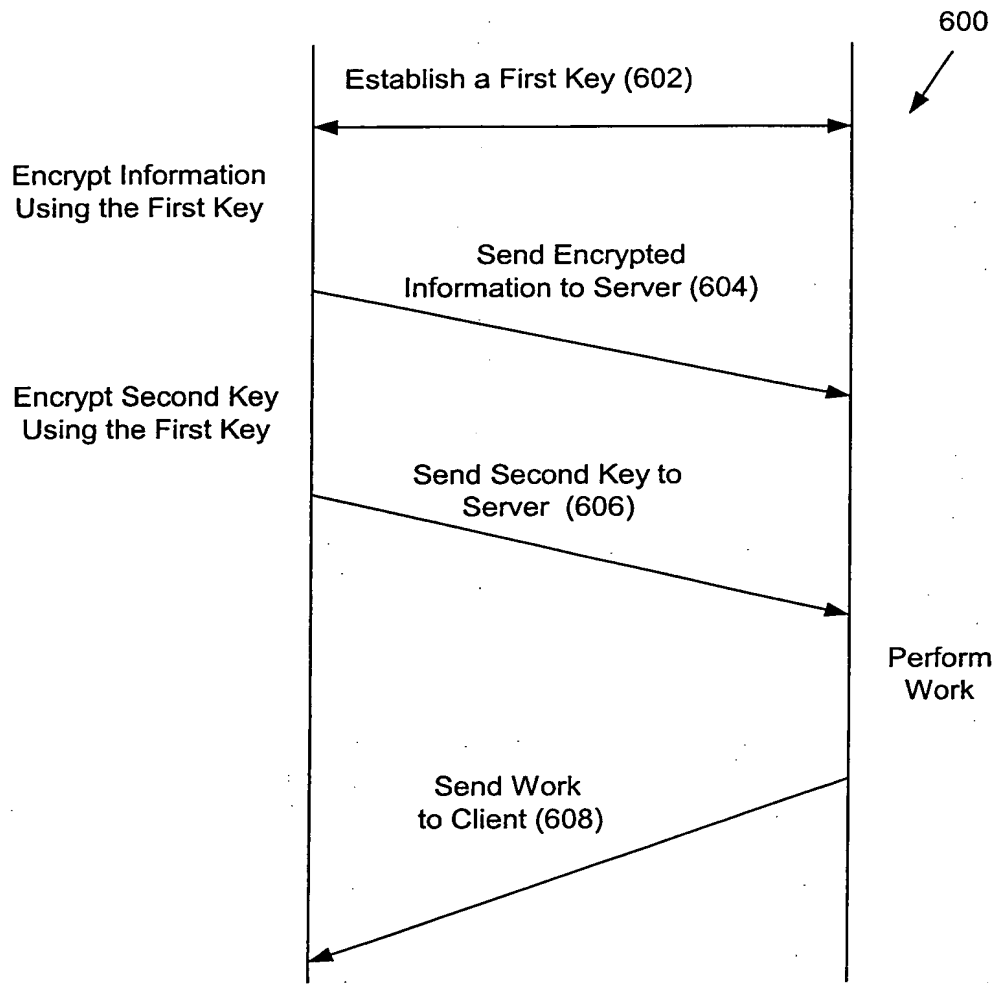


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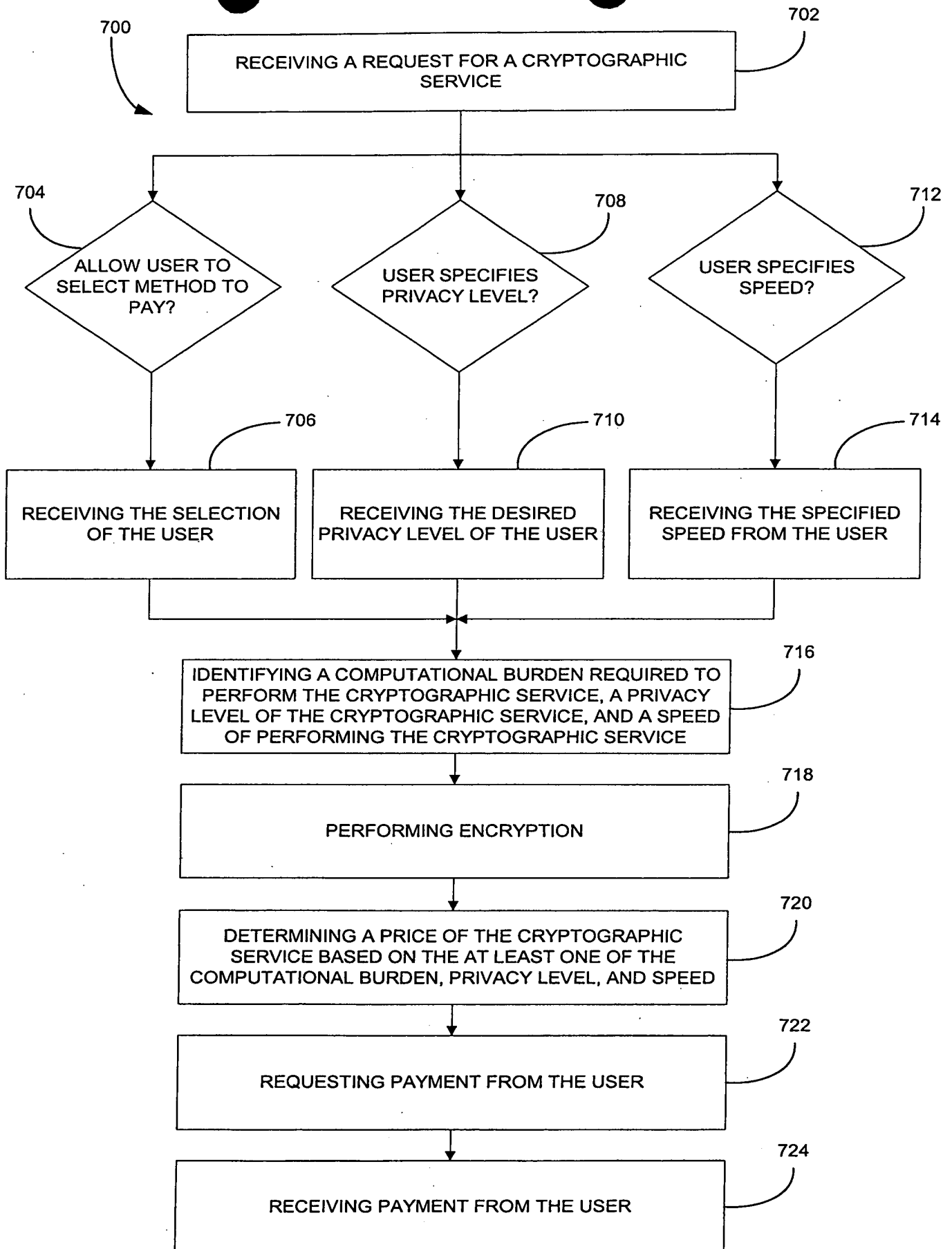


Fig. 7

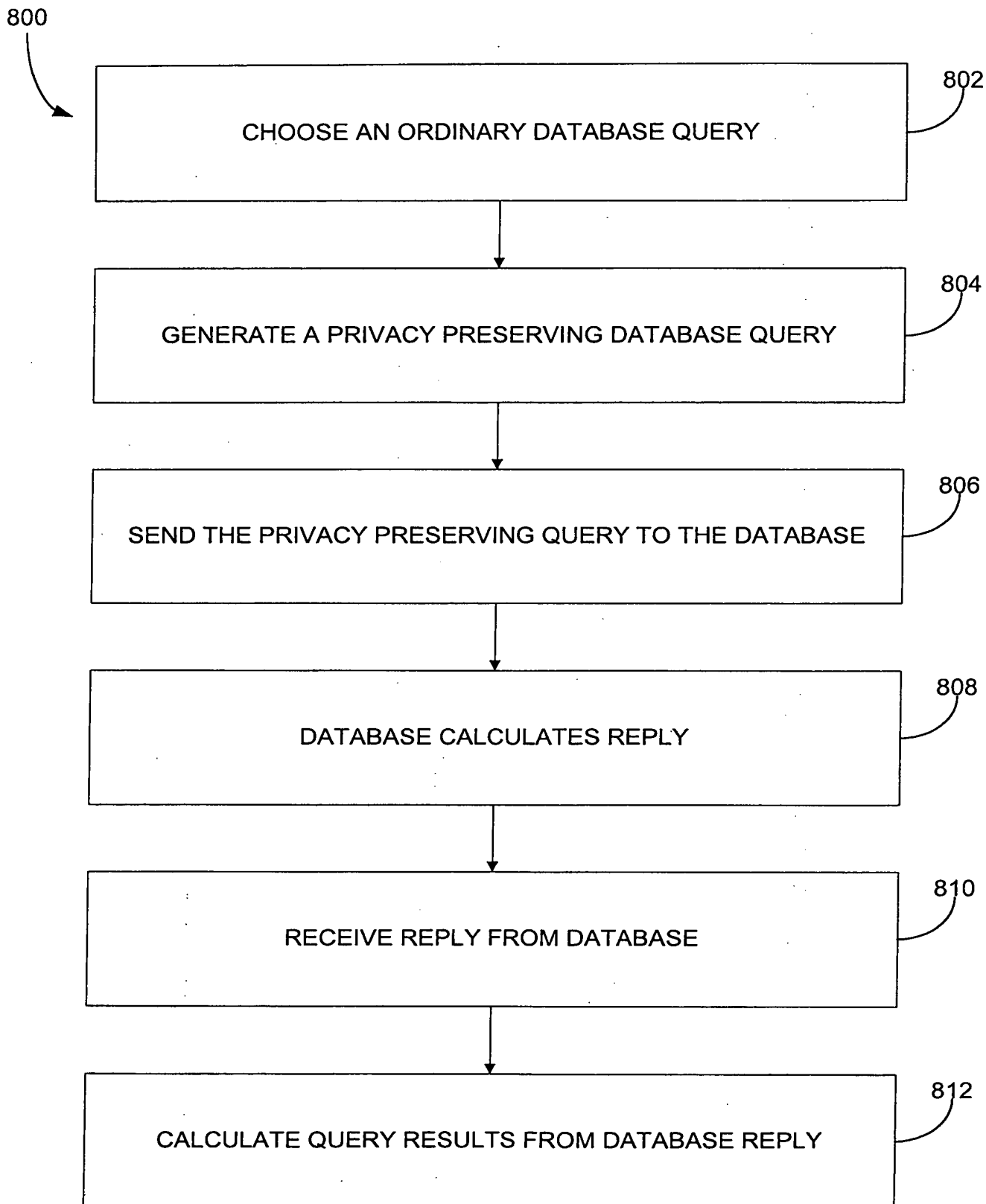


Fig. 8

900

RECEIVING A QUOTED VALUE FOR BEING PART OF THE MIX FROM
EACH POTENTIAL PARTICIPANT

902

CHOOSING THE PARTICIPANTS SO THAT THE SUM OF THESE
VALUES IS MAXIMIZED

904

CHARGING EACH PARTICIPANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
WHAT THIS SUM IS AND WHAT THIS SUM WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD
THIS PARTICIPANT BEEN IGNORED

906

Fig. 9

1000

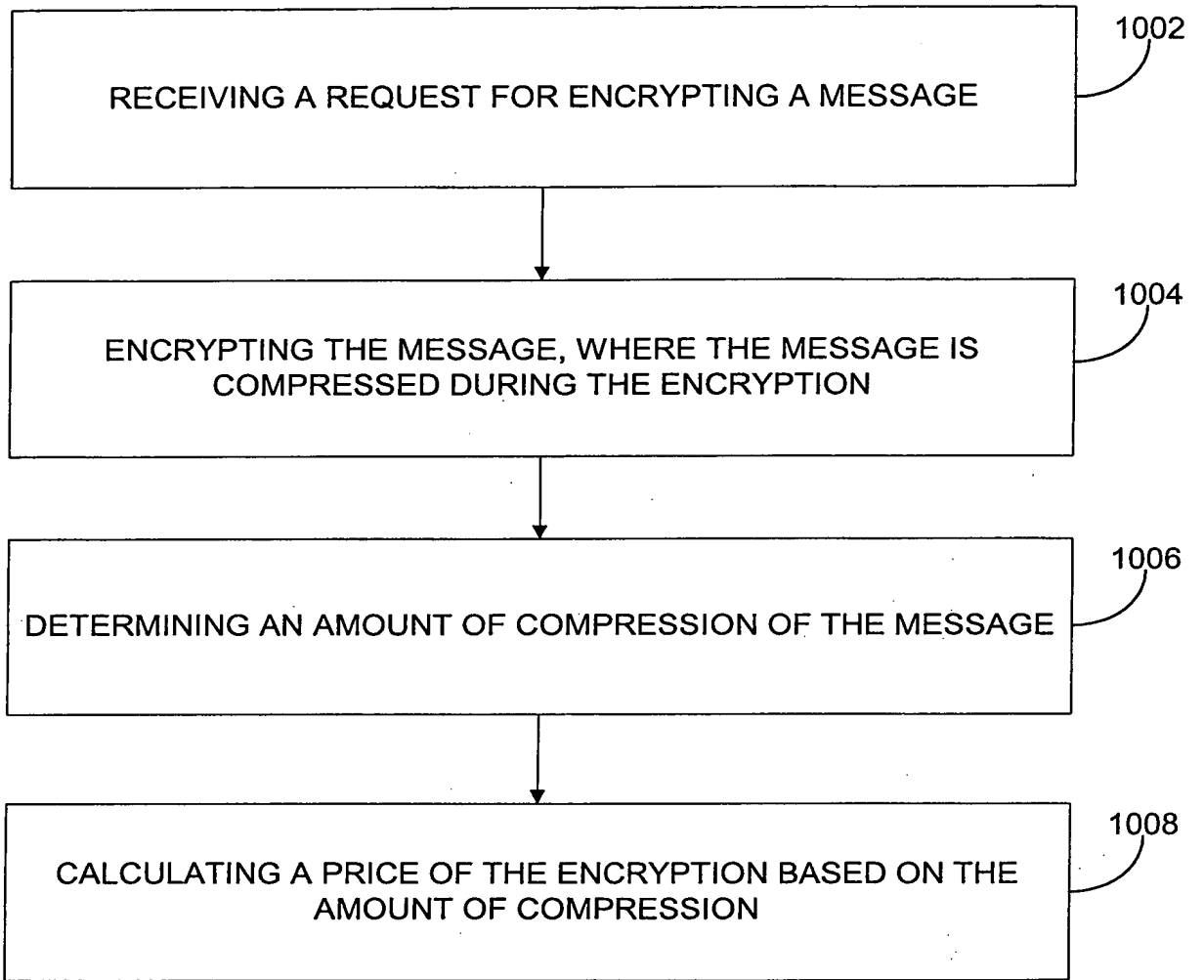


Fig. 10

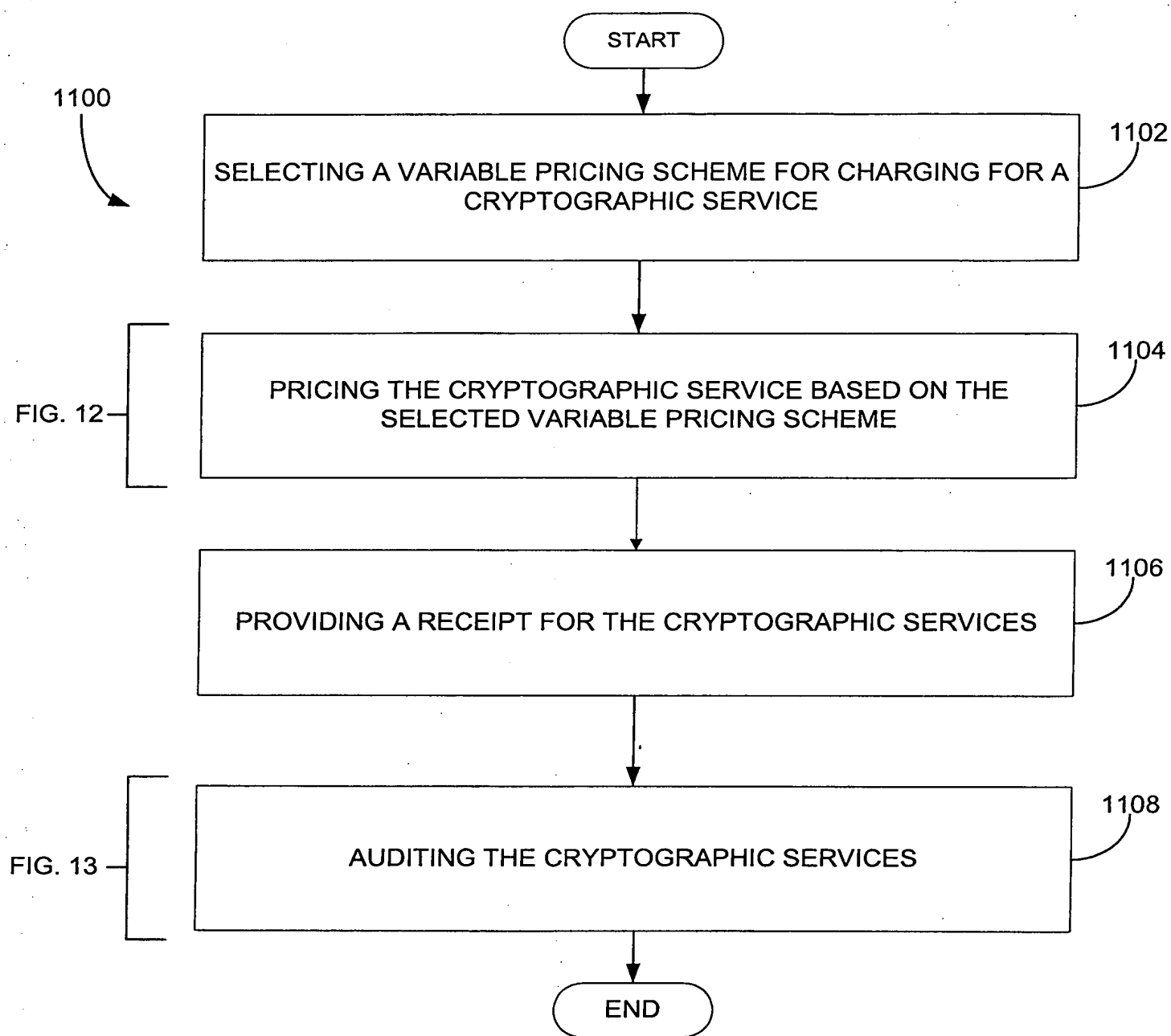


Fig. 11

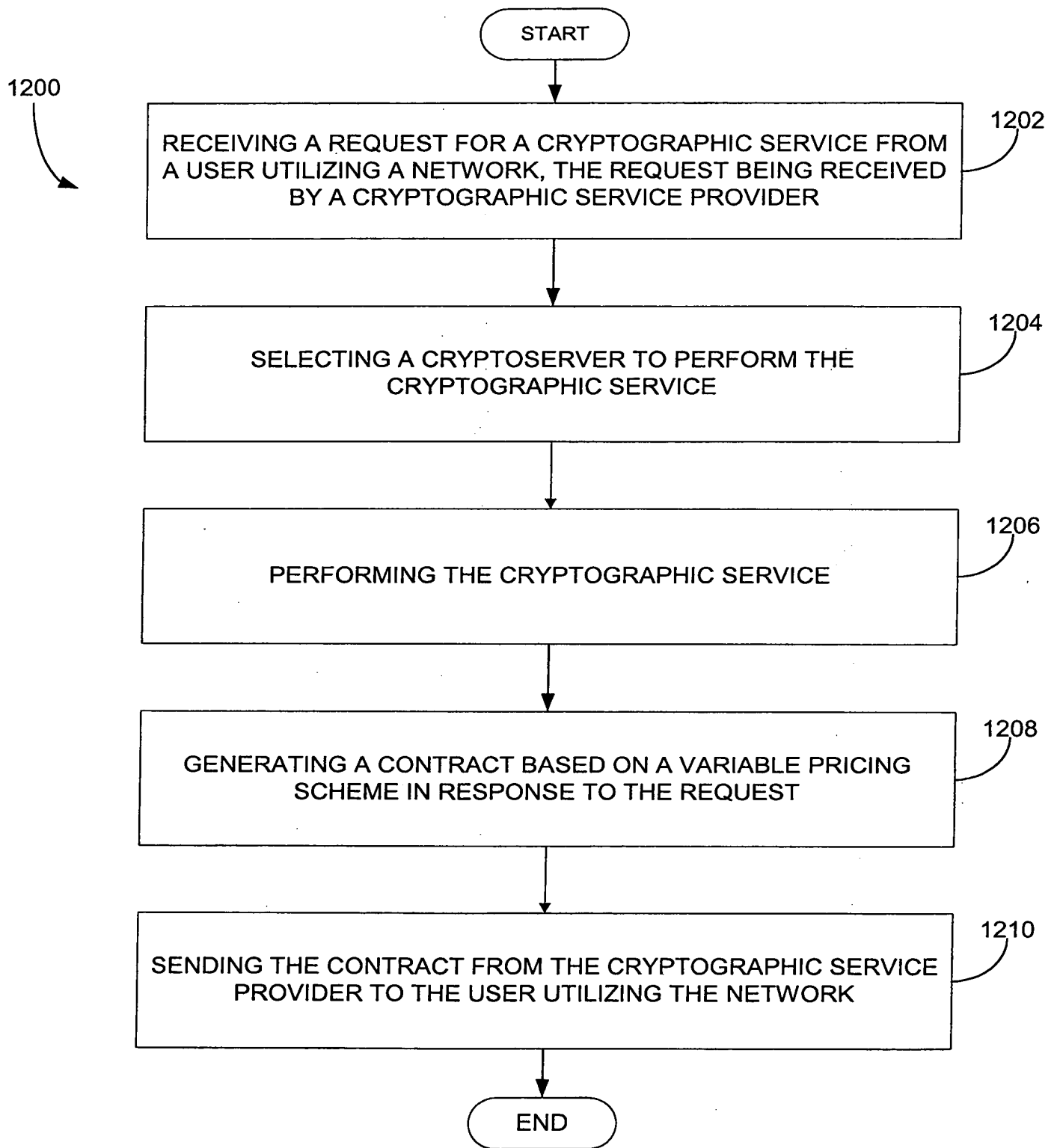


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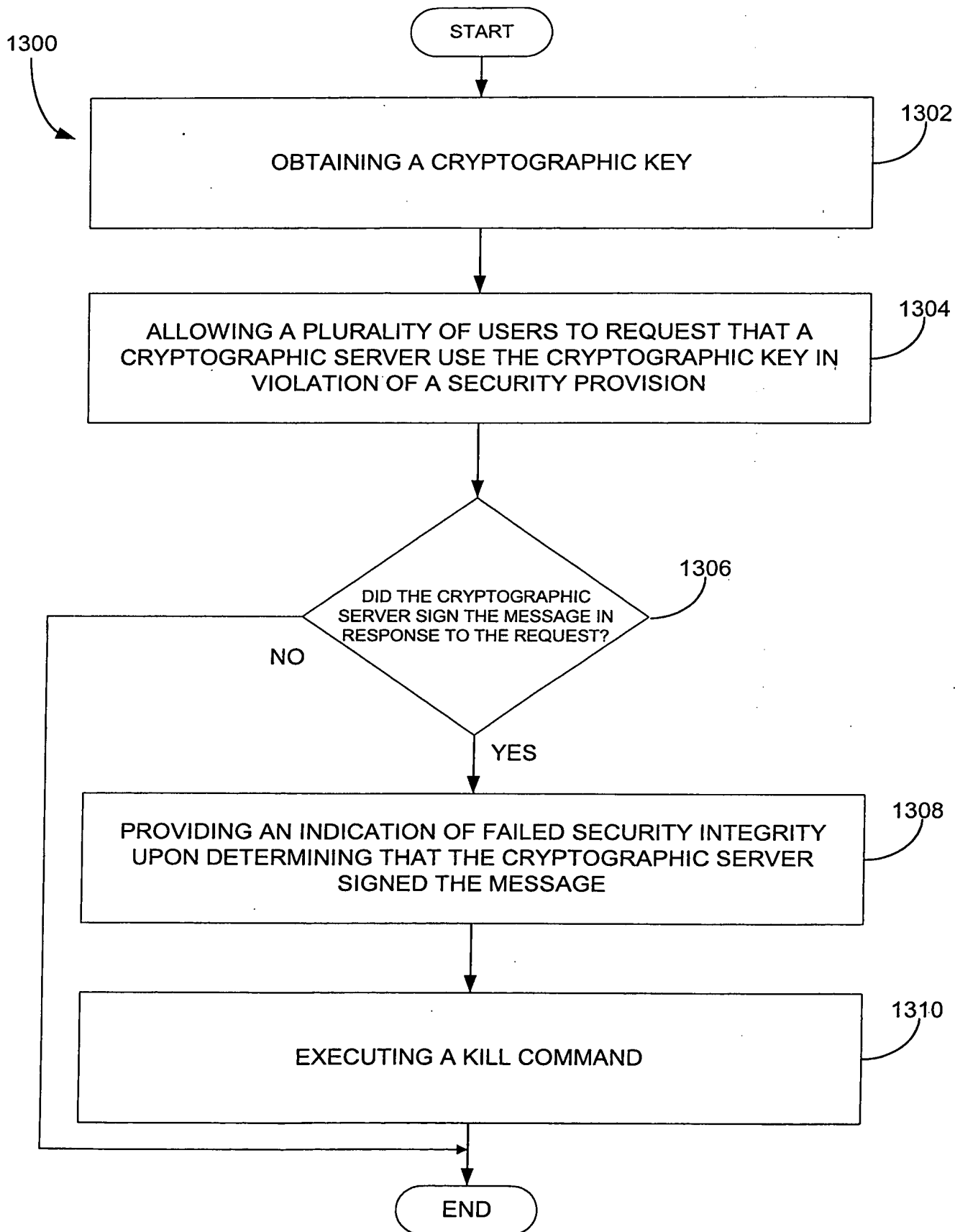


Fig. 13

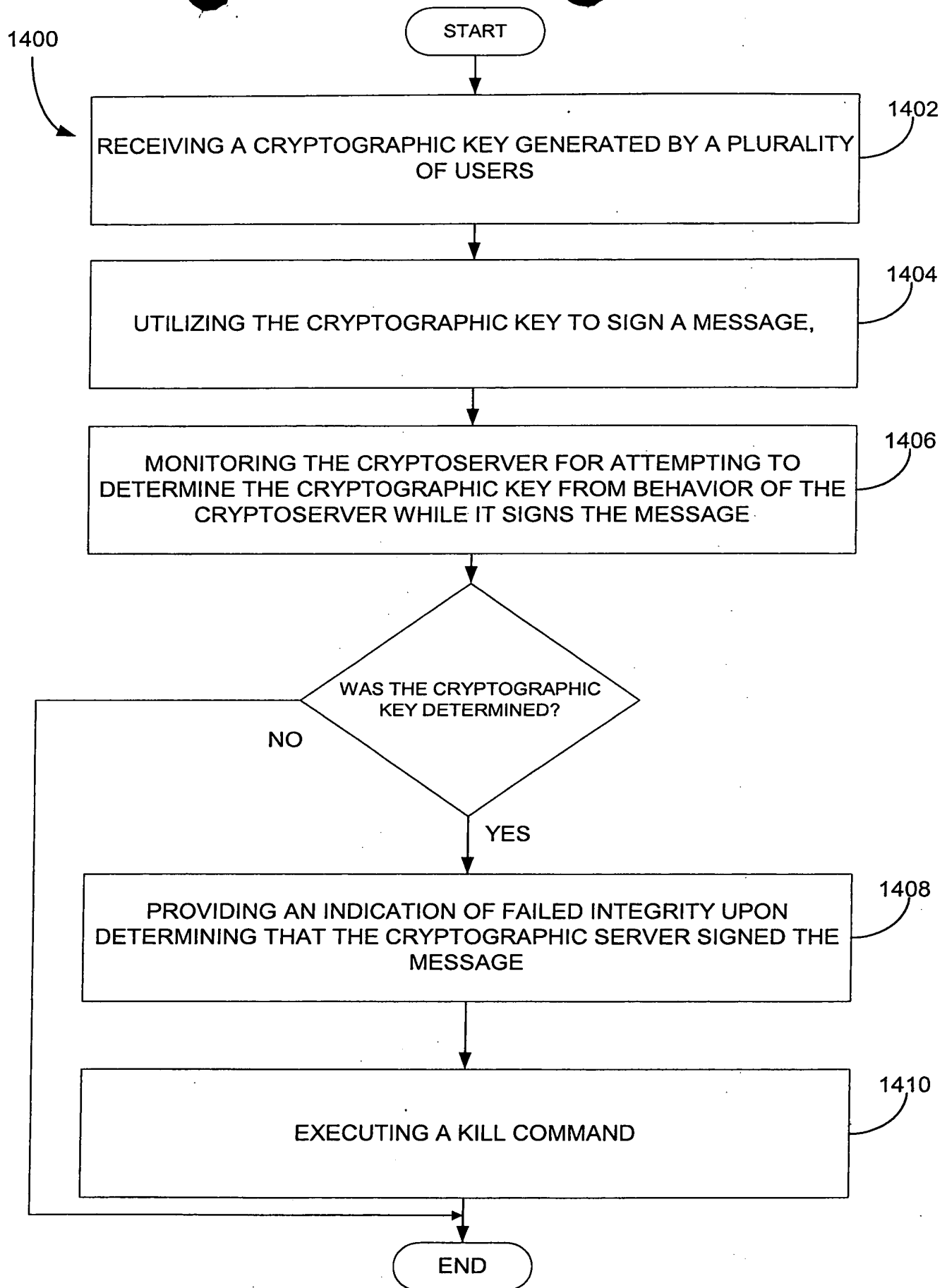


Fig. 14